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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) (i) Panruti block consisting of Kadambuliyur and Tirunavallur firkas, (ii) Kurinjipadi block consisting of Kulianjavadi and Kurunjipadi firkas, (iii) Chinnaselam block consisting of Chinnaselam, Vadakkanandal and Kallakurichi firkas.

" (*b*) An expenditure of about Rs. 1,56,000 can be incurred in the three blocks during the year 1953–54."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" Sir, in view of the fact that Tindivanam taluk is one of the most backward taluks in the entire South Arcot district, will the Government consider the desirability of developing this taluk either under the Community Project scheme or under the National Extension Service? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" As the hon. Member put it, Tindivanam taluk is one of the most backward taluks. Government will consider taking up further areas when they take up the question of extending the National Extension Service."

Approval of the course of studies in the College of Indigenous Medicine by the University of Madras.

* 976 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri N. Gopala Menon is not in his seat. The answer to this question will be printed in the official proceedings."

SRI N. GOPALA MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any degree was conferred on the students who passed in their final examinations from the Government College of Indigenous Medicine last year; and

(*b*) whether the University of Madras has approved of the course of studies prescribed for the College?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) As the College of Indigenous Medicine has not been affiliated to the University of Madras, there is no question of the University approving the course of studies in the College of Indigenous Medicine or conferring degrees on the students. Only diplomas are awarded to the candidates who come out successful in the final examination."

Supply of electricity to Kachinad in Ponneri taluk, Chingleput district.

* 977 *Q.*—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal for the supply of electricity to Kachinad in Ponneri taluk, Chingleput district; and

(*b*) if so, the action so far taken by the Government in the matter?

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9 a.m. THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) & (b) There are three estates bearing the name of Kachinad in Ponneri taluk and none of them has so far applied for extension of electricity. There is, therefore, no proposal at present to supply electricity to any one of the Kachinad estates in Ponneri taluk. The feasibility of supply of electricity will be taken up for investigation in the strict order of its turn after an application therefor has been received by the Electricity Department."

SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI :—" May I know whether the Government would include the proposal to supply electricity to Kachinad at least in the Second Five-Year Plan? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have already stated that they have not applied for it. Let them apply for it before the hon. Member puts in a request here."

Checking of unauthorized betting on horse races in Madras.

* 978 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the action taken by the Government to check unauthorized betting on horse races in the Madras City?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Police are taking suitable action under the Madras City Police Act."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know the number of persons against whom cases have been filed? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sorry I do not have the information, Sir."

Loan to the Karthigeyan Spinning Mills.

* 979 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directors of Karthigeyan Spinning Mills applied to the Government for a loan either from the Industrial Investment Corporation or under the State Aid to Industries Act *three years* ago; and

(b) if so, what action the Government took on their application?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir. The Company applied for a loan of Rs. 5 lakhs under the State Aid to Industries Act in 1950.

" (b) The company was advised to apply to the Madras Industrial Investment Corporation, Limited, Madras, for financial assistance."